

San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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Director
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Dear OCC Director,

This letter describes how San Carlos Apache Tribe, Arizona plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Reliefs Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services

Funds will be used to provide center based services for families who are considered essential and are previously enrolled in our program. Currently providing meals and work packets to our students as a pick up process. We would like to provide this as drop off service so we would look at transportation options, possibly purchase a white bus or additional vans. Provide staff with hazard pay since they are continuing to work during this pandemic. Hire more staff for our program.

- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices
 - We plan on using funds to provide PPE gear for our center and also for families of enrolled children.

- We will also be remodeling the entry way of our centers so that we are providing a safe area for our families.
- We plan on expanding our classes so that we can reduce the amount of children in each of the classrooms. Options would be purchasing modular buildings.
 Change out carpets in the classrooms with tile for safer environment.
- Hiring of professional cleaning company to sanitize our center on a monthly basis.
- Technology for distant learning: tablets, laptops, hot spots, cameras.
- Install air filtration systems
- Change out sinks to hands free faucets.
- 3. Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers
 Our Agency is not planning on using funds for this purpose.
- 4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic Our Agency is not planning on using funds for this purpose.
- Other Building expense/construction

The San Carlos Apache Tribe, Arizona will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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